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Re Guatemala's offer troops, facilities, etc., in Cuban crisis reported in various messages, Captain Edgar Powell, USN arrived yesterday as General O'Meara's representative to explore specific facilities and arrangements for their use that U.S. forces might want in connection quarantine and possibly other military activities. I informed Captain Powell of mood here (EMBTel 276 and 256) and cautioned

Subsequent to meeting with me, Captain Powell and associates met with President Ydigoras, Defense Minister and Army Chief Staff and obtained permission U.S. armed forces use gratis "such seaport, airport and other facilities deemed appropriate carry out operations incident Cuban situation" and authorization for "free entry, personnel, supplies, materiel and equipment required in support operations." Also understood US forces would be responsible payment damages

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